

IOWA WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

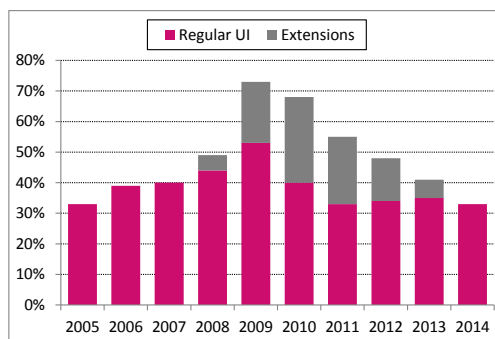
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Status of the Iowa Workforce and Economy

2015 Statewide News Release Schedule

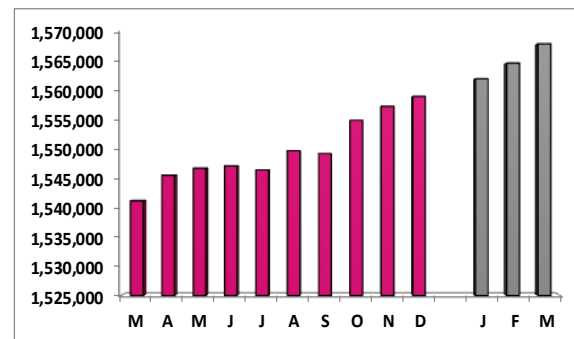
Reference Month	Statewide News Release	Local Area News Release
Jan	Mar 17	Mar 20
Feb	Mar 27	Mar 27
Mar	Apr 21	Apr 21
Apr	May 27	May 27
May	June 19	June 23
June	July 21	July 21
July	Aug 21	Aug 25
Aug	Sept 18	Sept 22
Sept	Oct 20	Oct 20
Oct	Nov 20	Nov 24
Nov	Dec 18	Dec 22
Dec	Jan 26	Jan 26

- Iowa's seasonally adjusted jobless rate dropped to 4.0 percent in March from 4.1 percent in February. The rate stood at 4.4 percent one year ago.
- Iowa's employment is up 25,000 over last year. The total number of employed Iowans increased to 1,647,100 in March.
- The U.S. jobless rate remained at 5.5 percent in March.

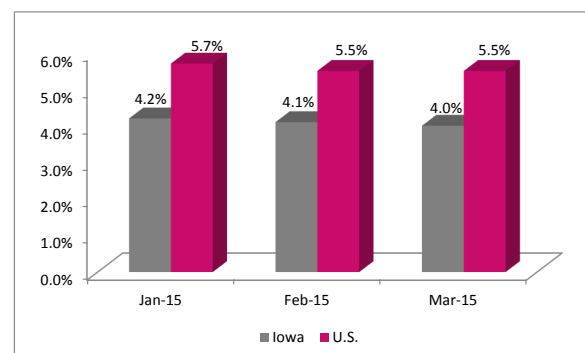
Unemployment Insurance Recipient Rate

Source: Unemployment Insurance Data Summary
U.S. Department of Labor

- The UI reciprocity rate fell 33 percent in 2014 preliminarily due to the phase out of the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefit extension program.
- The highest ten year reciprocity rate occurred in 2009. The reciprocity rate usually rises during recessions because a higher percentage of the unemployed are job losers.
- The National Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) increased in February for the first time since October. While the appreciation of the U.S. dollar has benefitted consumers, it has slowed exports and manufacturing.

Total Nonfarm Employment - Iowa March 2014 - March 2015

- Iowa nonfarm employment added 3,300 jobs in March. Jobs have now been added in six-consecutive months.
- Private services combined have fared well over the last several months and have not pared jobs since July of 2014. Goods producing industries haven't fared as well, paring jobs in two of the last three months.
- Education and health services added the most jobs in March (+2,300), followed by trade and transportation (+2,100).
- The U.S. economy added 126,000 jobs in March. The monthly increase is markedly lower than the prior twelve month average.

Iowa and U.S. Unemployment Rates—2015**Iowa Workforce Development**

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